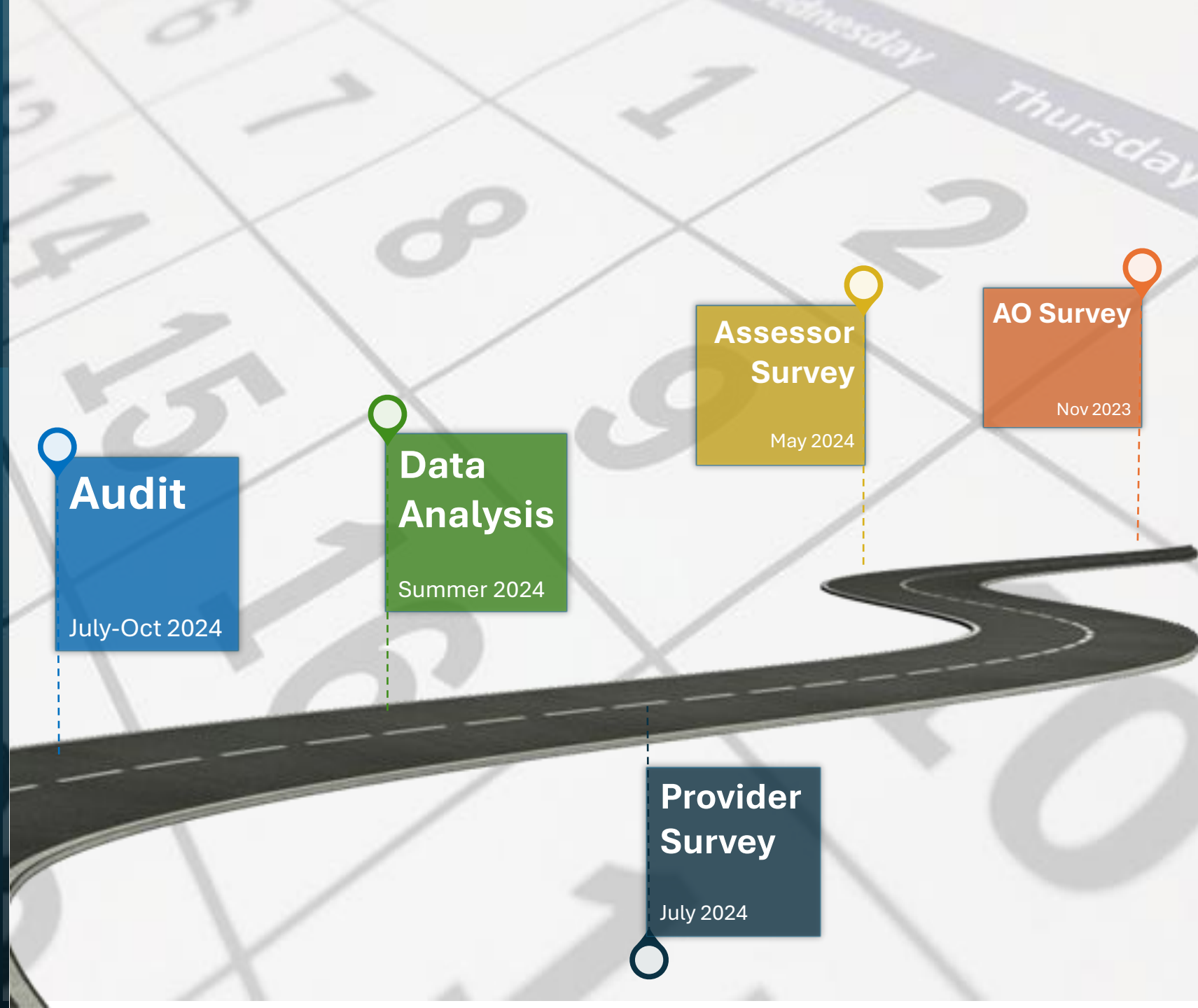
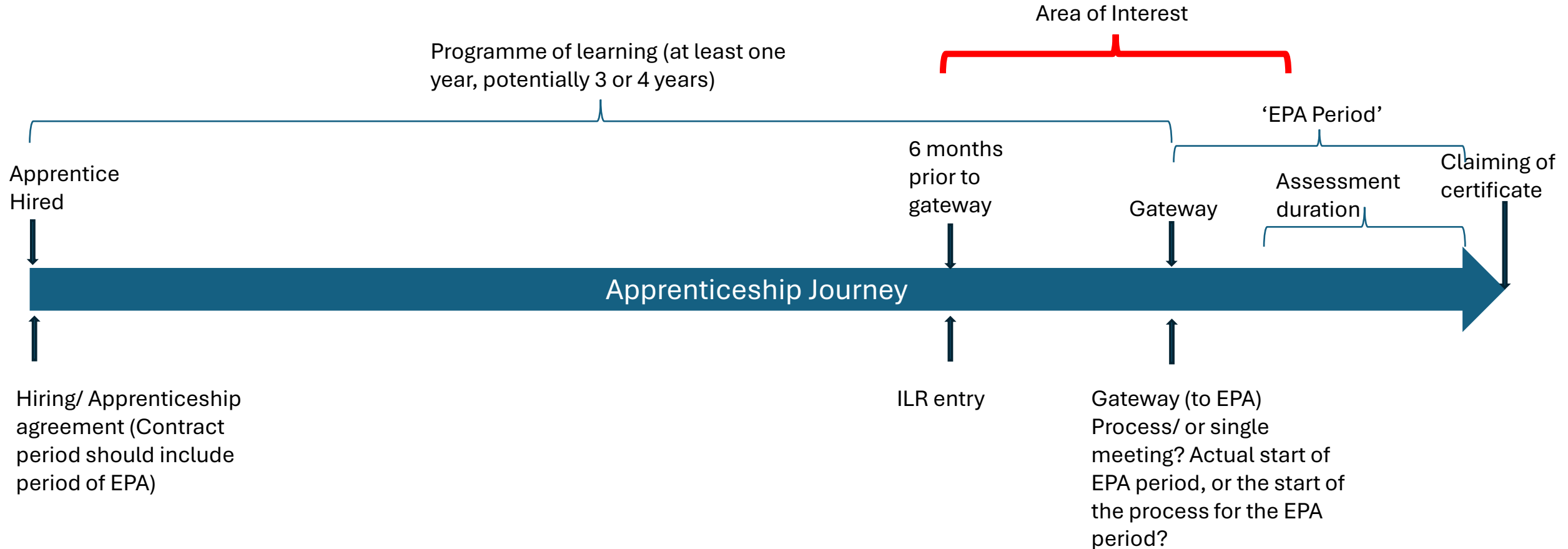


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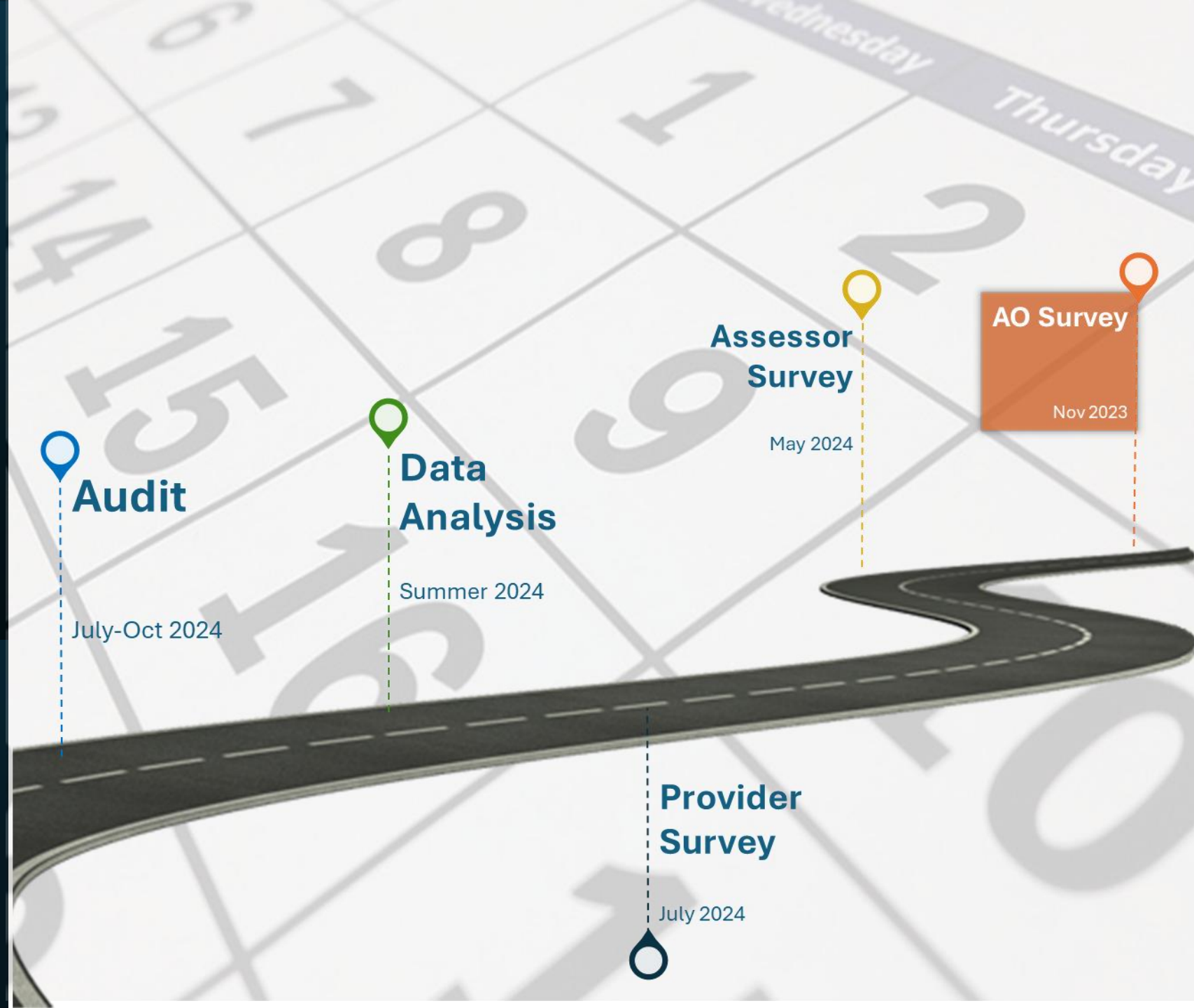
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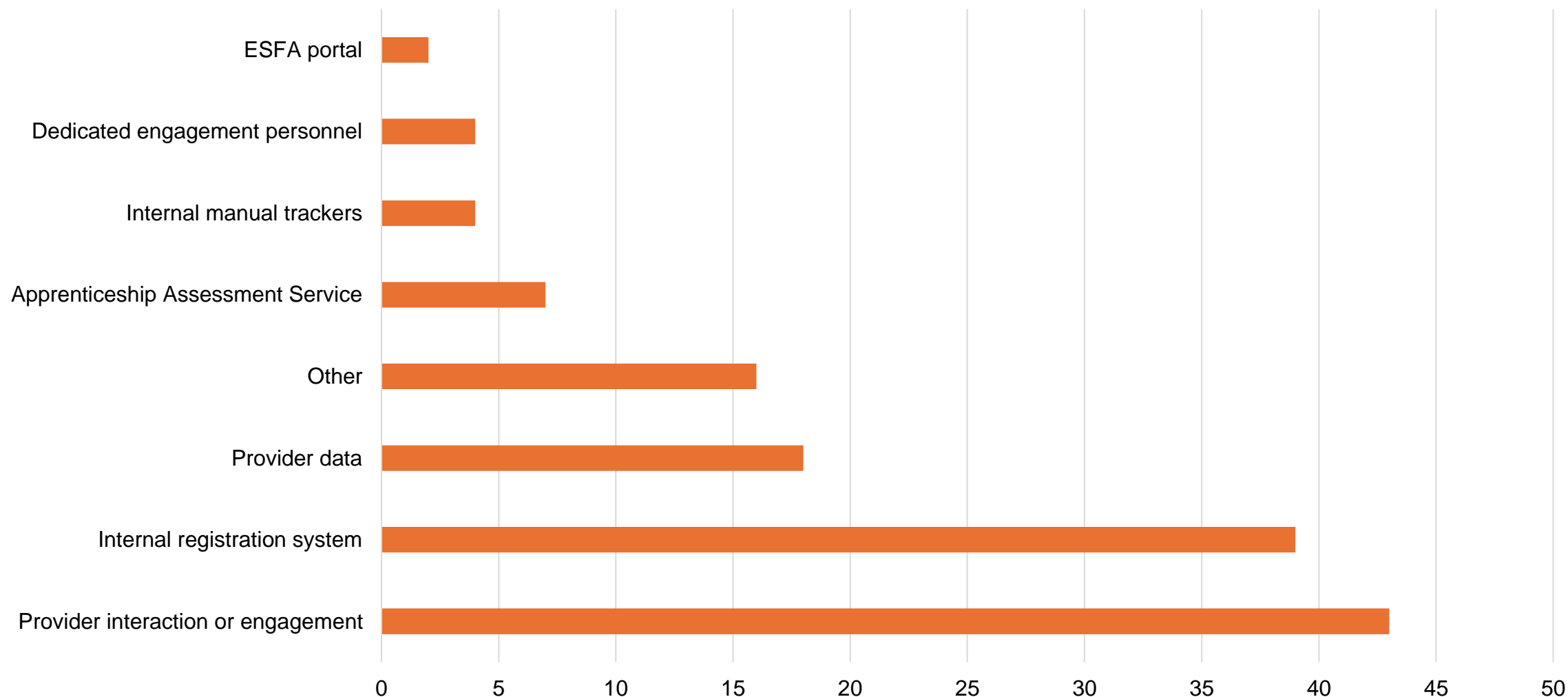


# Awarding Organisations Survey



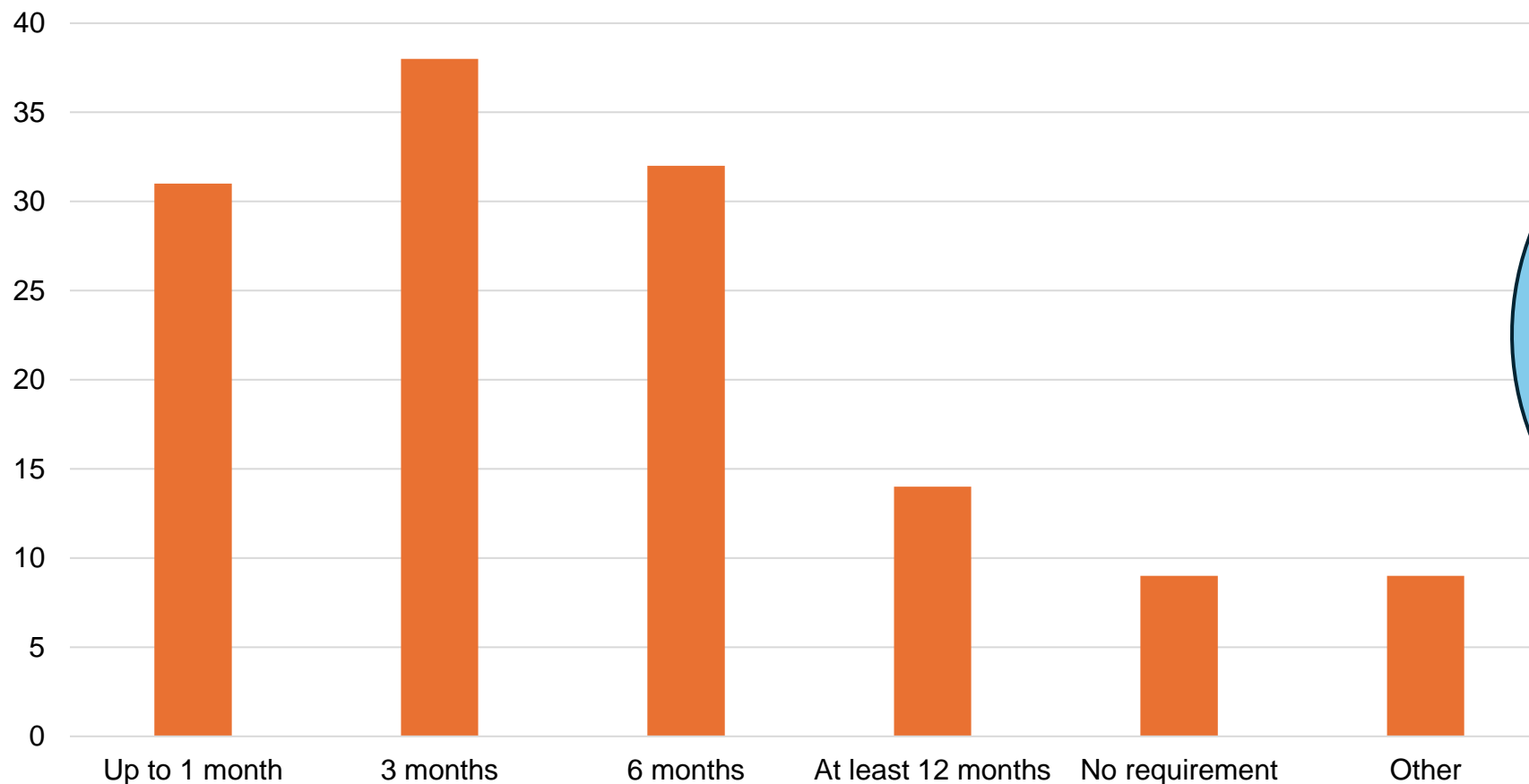
# Analysis: Pipeline and Notification

**The most reliable data source that informs pipeline intelligence**



# Notification/ Registration

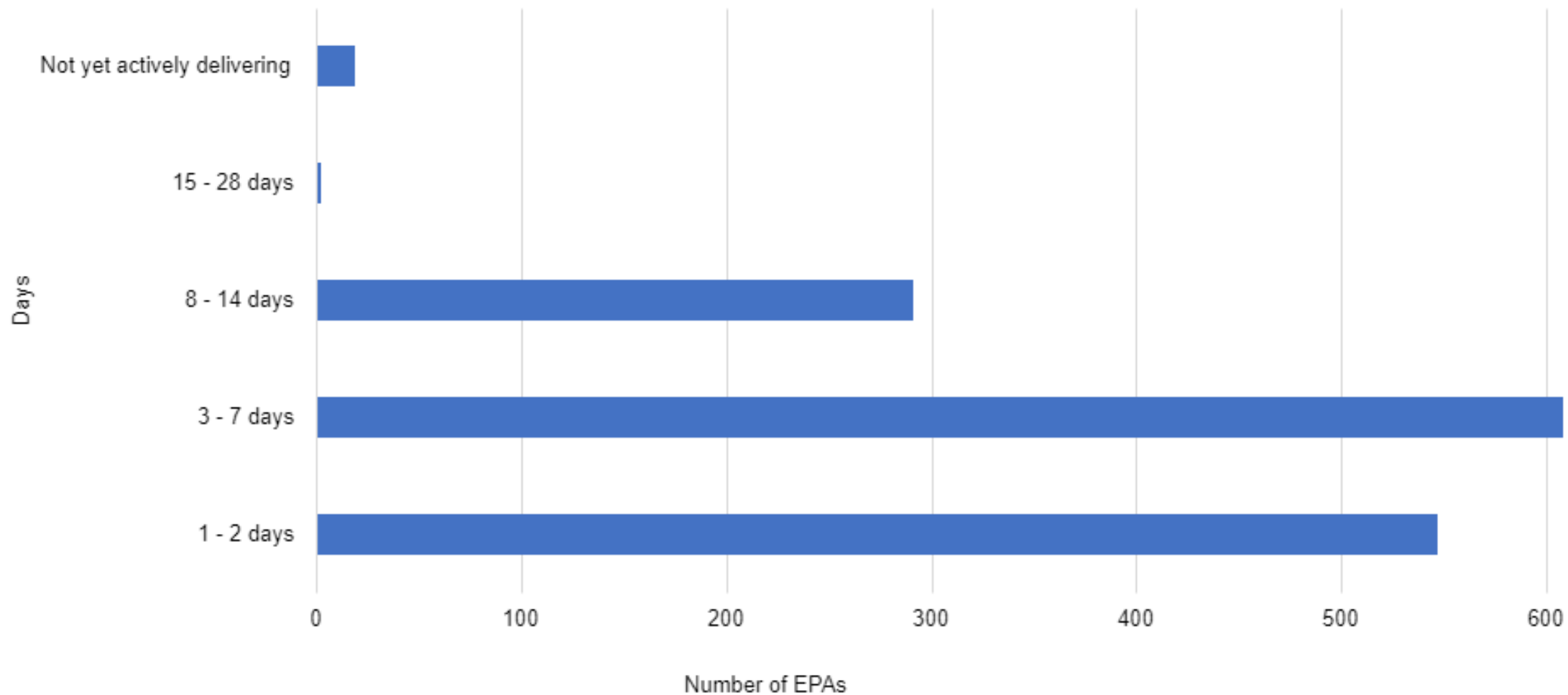
How far in advance do you require notification that you have been selected to deliver an EPA?



“We have had one provider inform us (and submit evidence) of gateway completion one working day after the apprentices had been registered with us”

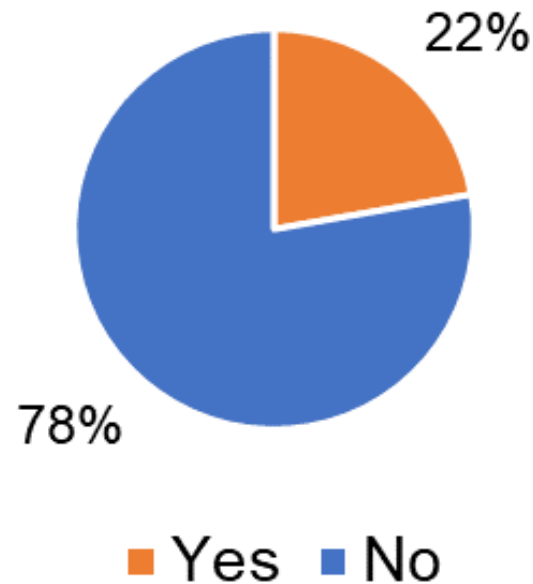
# Gateway

How long is the Gateway process?



# Assessors

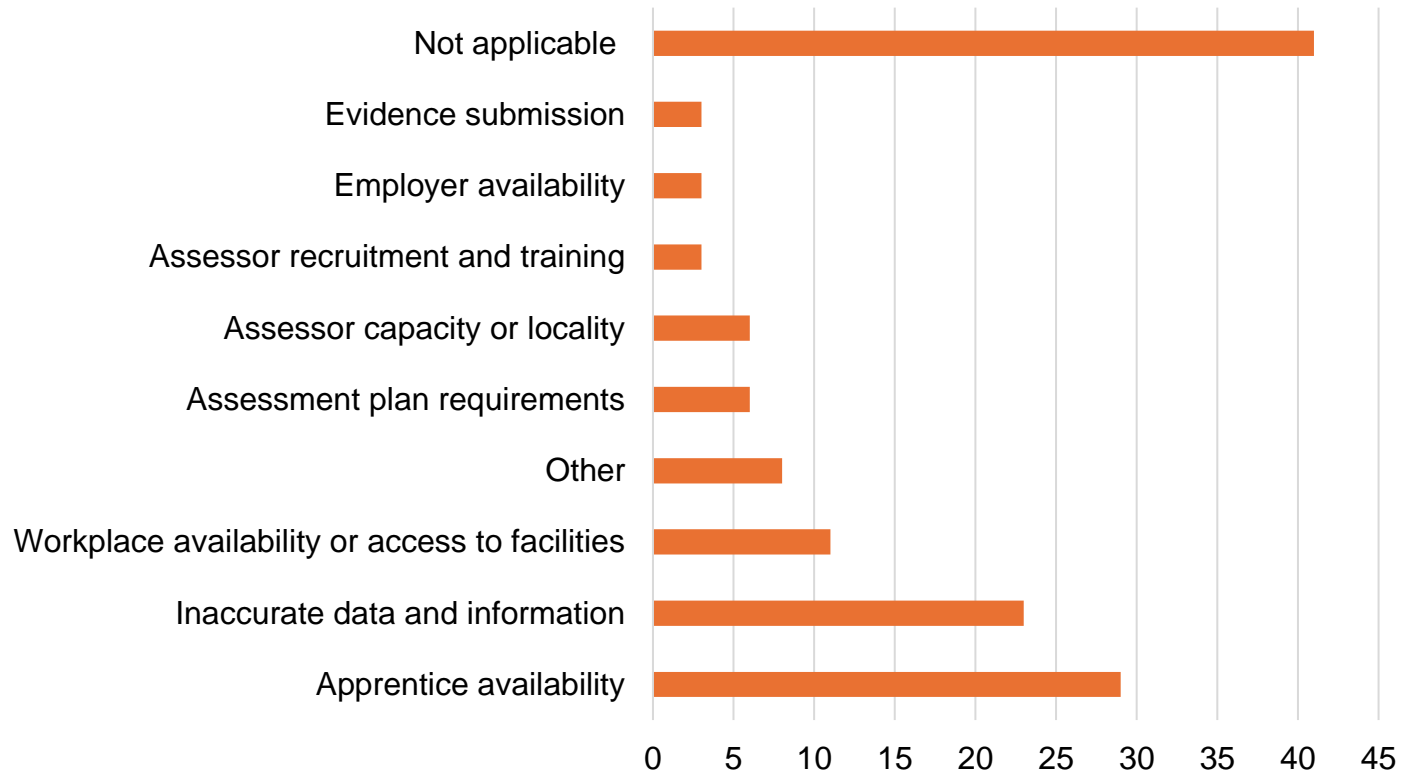
**Do AOs consider that the availability of assessors impacts on the timely delivery of assessments?**



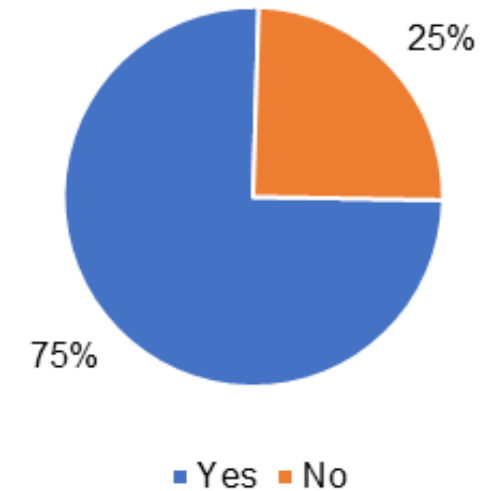
- continual review of assessor availability
- regular resource planning
- frequent review of future demand
- stakeholder engagement

# Delivery of Assessment

**The most common issues experienced in the planning and/or timely delivery of end-point assessment?**

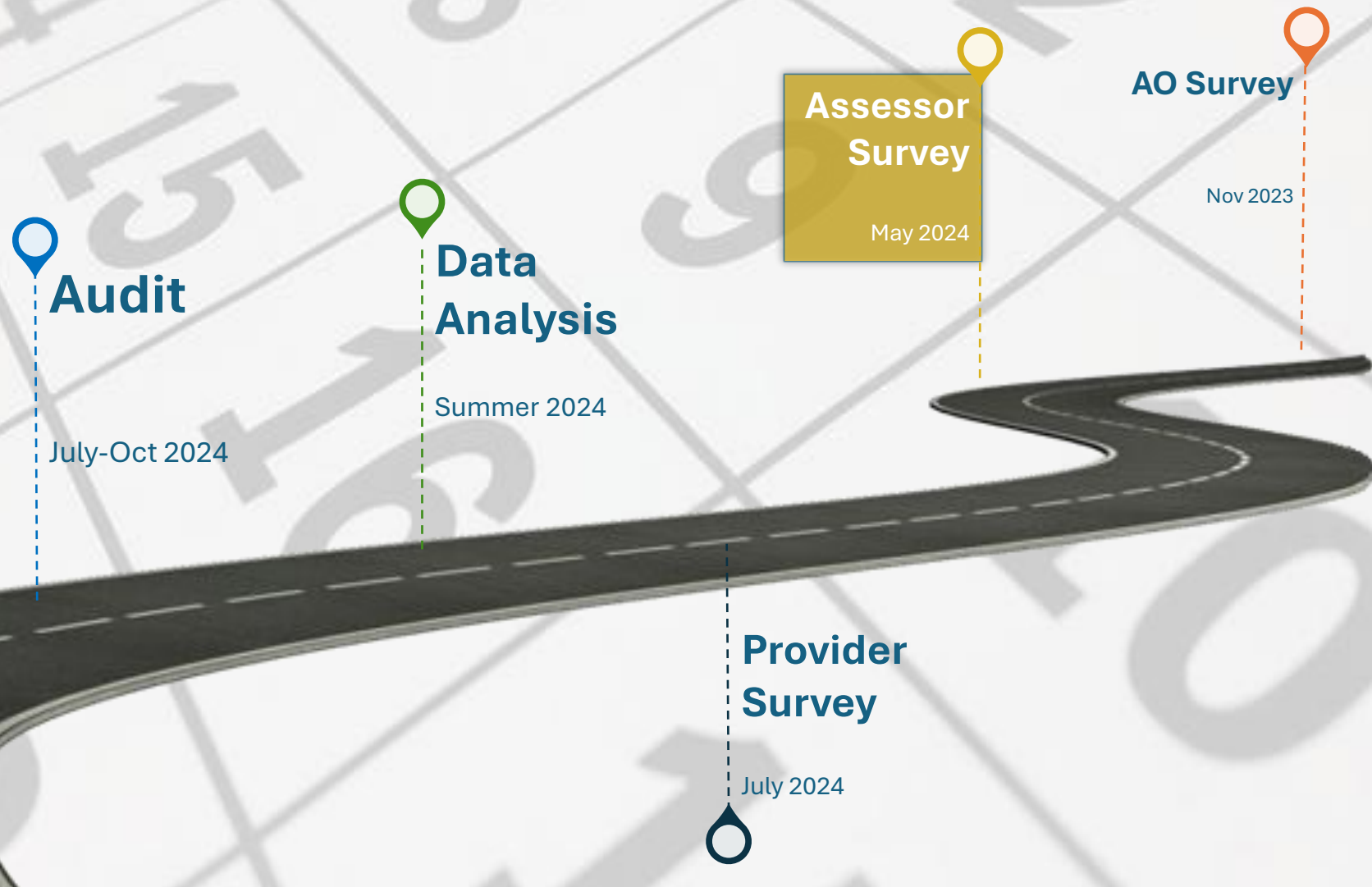


**Do you apply cancelation fees?**





# Assessor survey



# The assessor market

Average 14 years assessment experience

Average 26 years occupational experience

46% of assessors have occupational experience gained in the last 2 years

44% deliver training for some or all of the routes where they assess

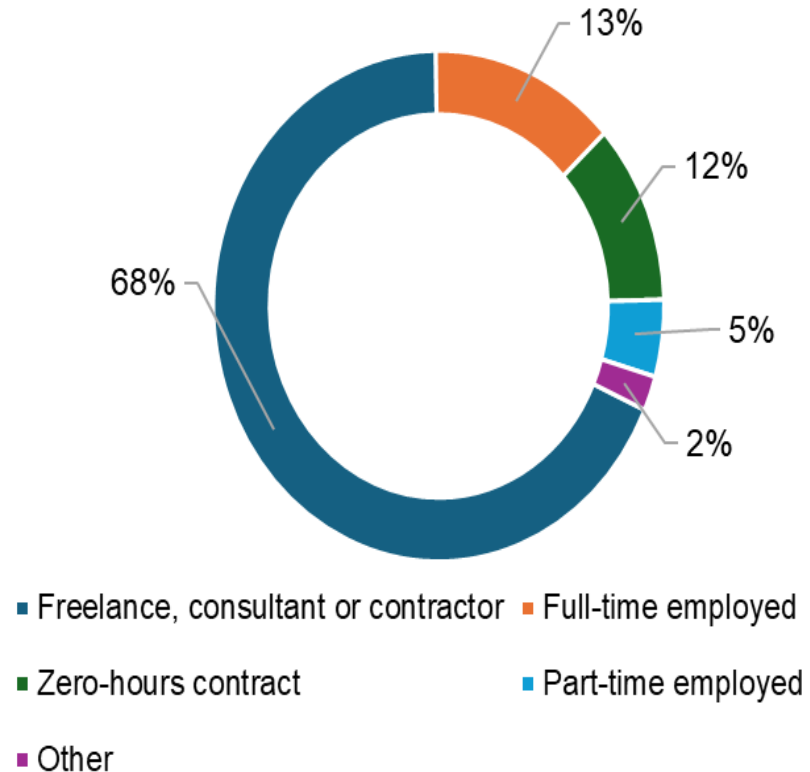
88% of all respondents said they had previously delivered training.

32% of respondents told us that they hold another position within an AO

Route	Assessors by route
Agriculture, environmental and animal care	100
Business and administration	213
Care services	49
Catering and hospitality	53
Construction and the built environment	101
Creative and design	15
Digital	99
Education and early years	115
Engineering and manufacturing	172
Hair and beauty	11
Health and science	73
Legal, finance and accounting	67
Protective services	23
Sales, marketing and procurement	39
Transport and logistics	50

# Assessor insight

On what basis do you work as an EPA assessor?

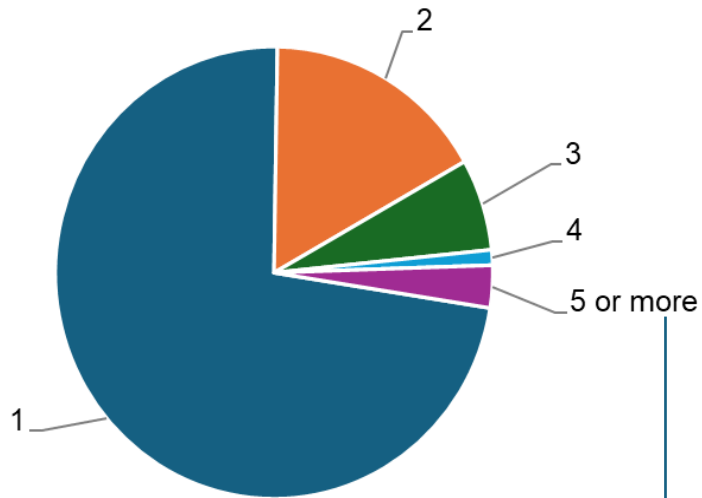


What motivated you to become an assessor?



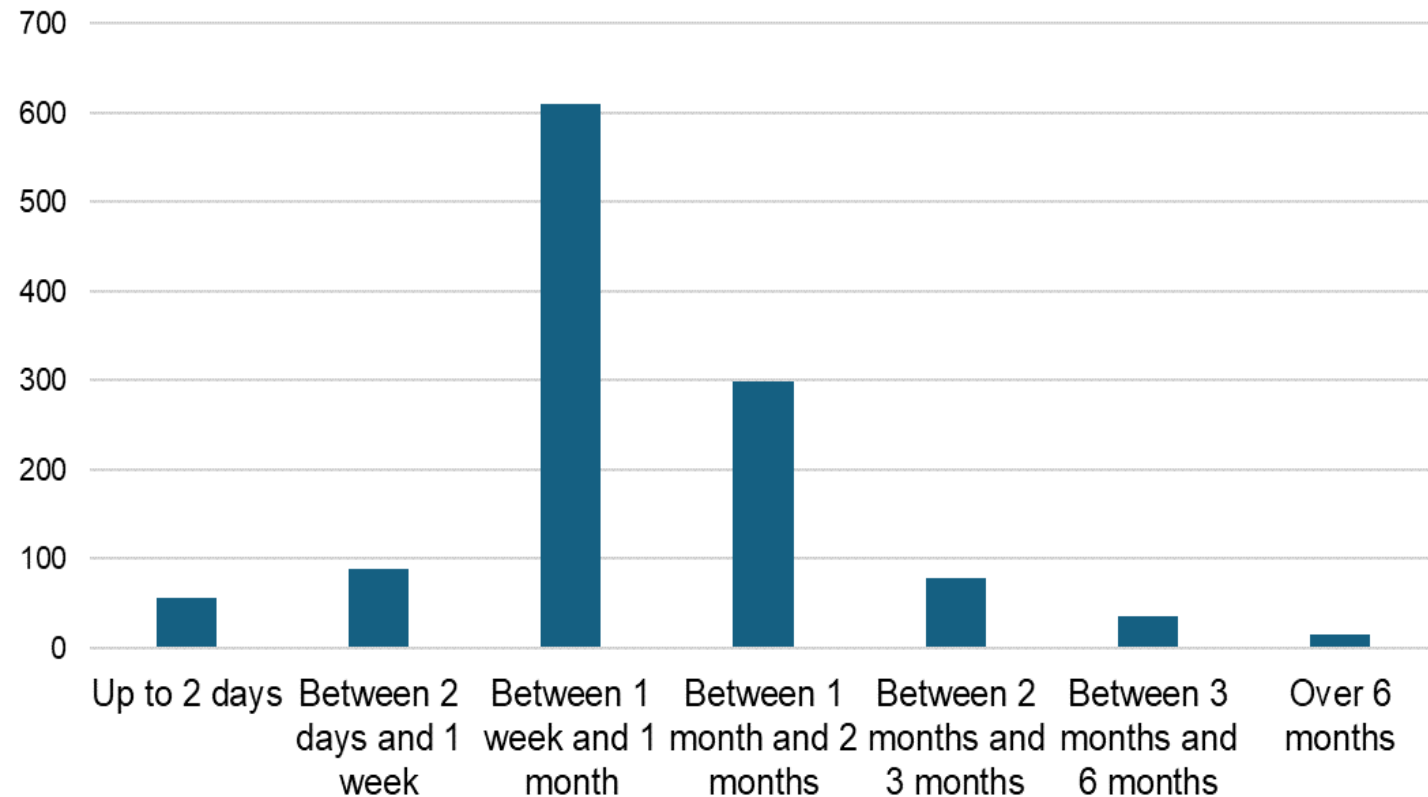
# Assessor Activity

How many AOs do you regularly work with in the capacity of an EPA assessor?

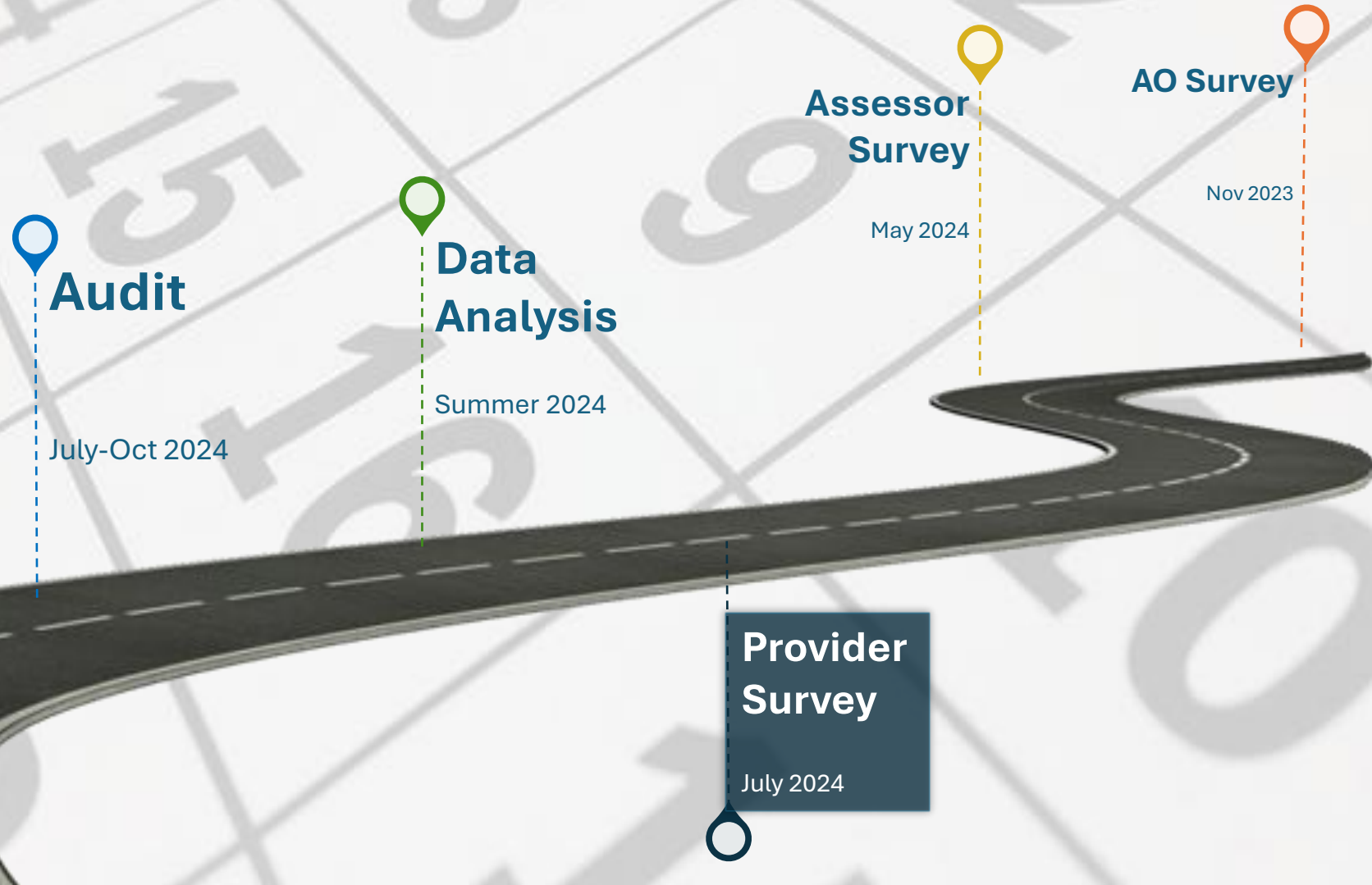


- Care services
- Construction and the built environment
- Education and early years

How much notice do you typically get that you are assigned to deliver an EPA?



# Survey of Apprenticeship training providers



# Profile of Respondents

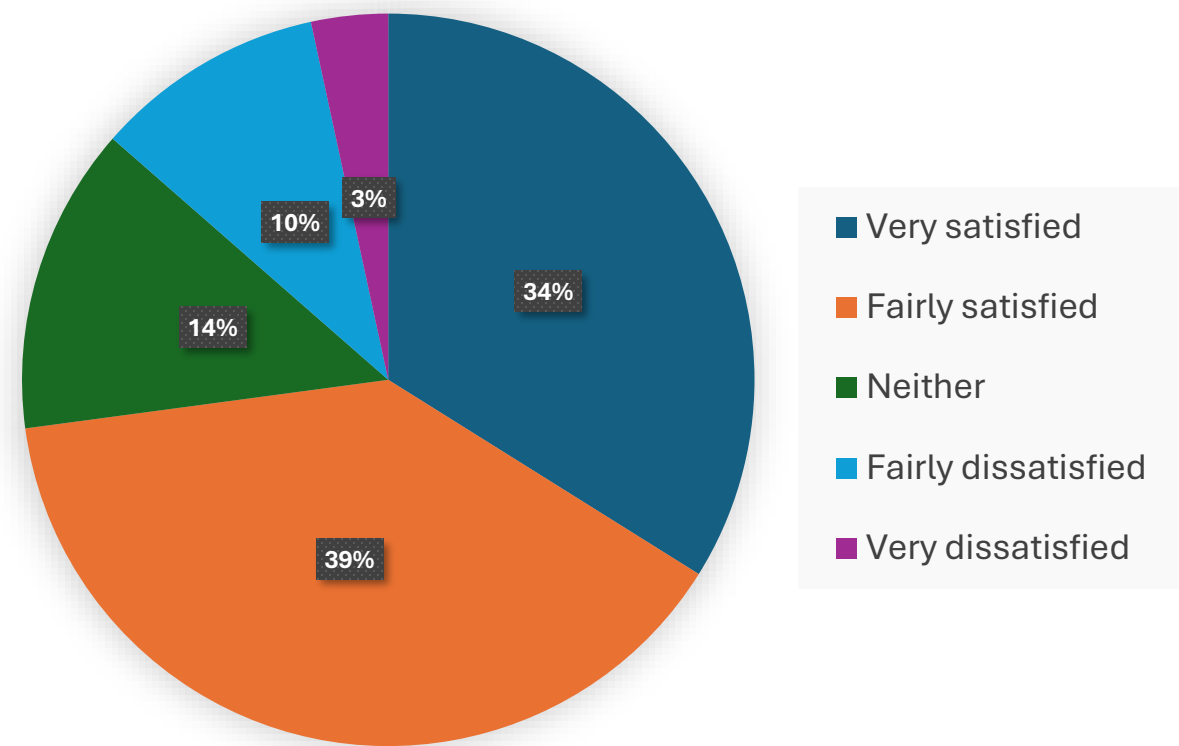
## How long has your organisation been delivering government funded training to apprentices?

	Respondents
1 to 5 years	14
5 to 10 years	19
More than 10 years	26
Total	59

## Which of the following best describes your organisation?

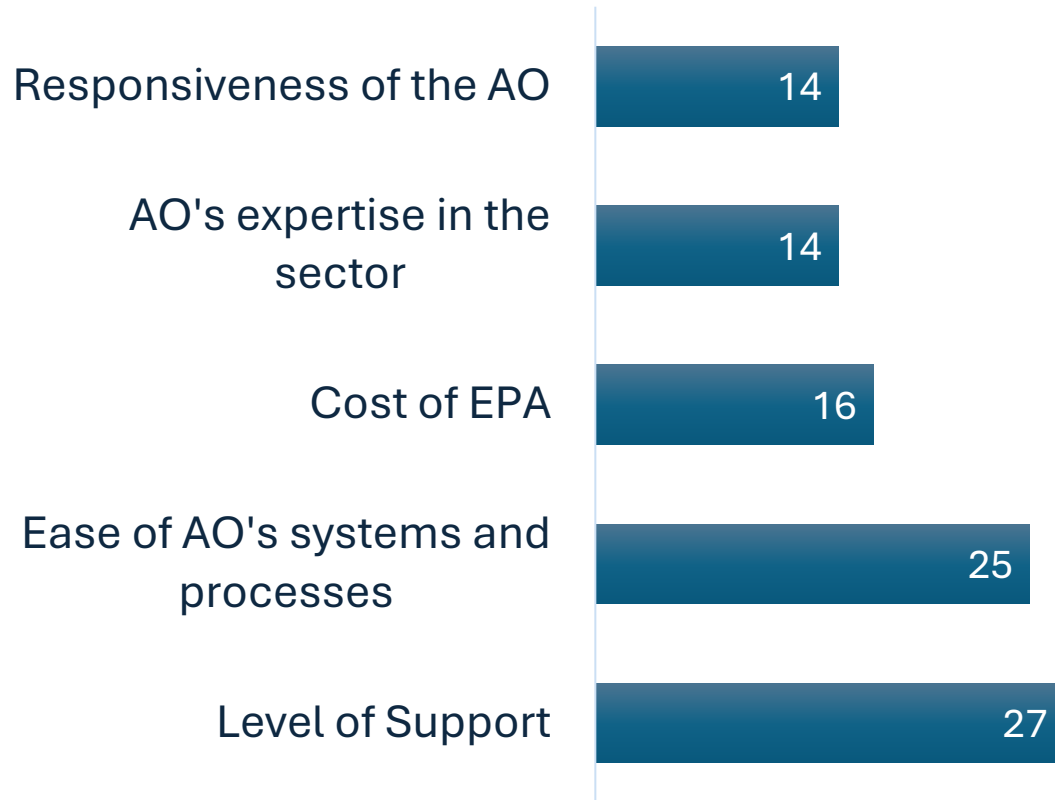
	Respondents
Independent training provider	34
College	17
Employer provider	6
University	2
Total	59

Provider Satisfaction

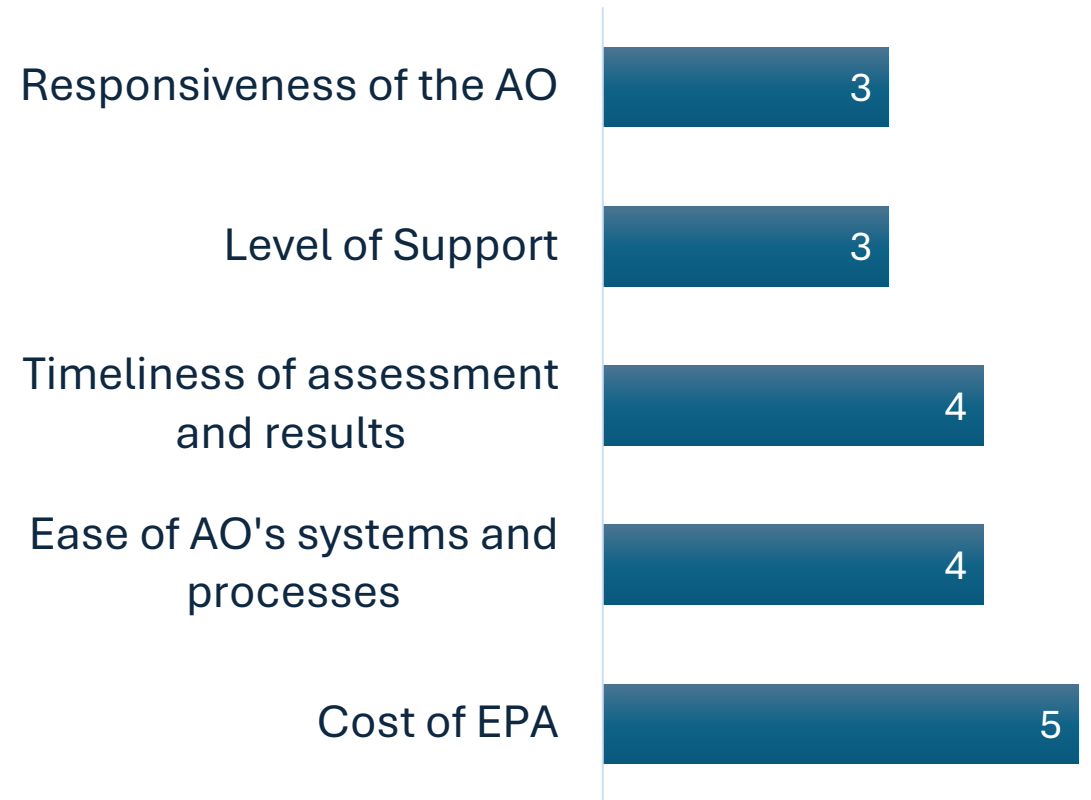


# Reasons for Satisfaction/Dissatisfaction

## Those who were satisfied

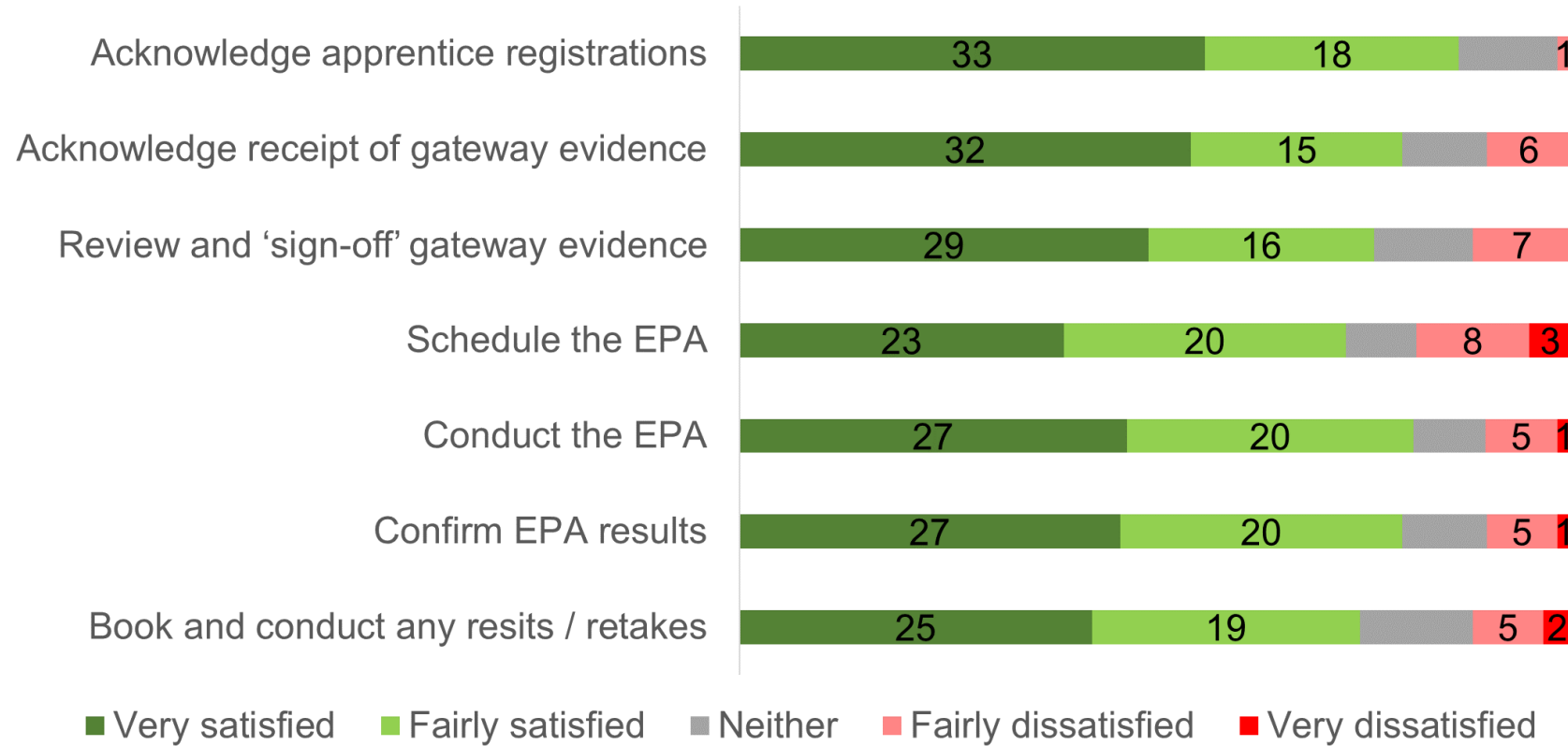


## Those who were dissatisfied



# Timeliness specific responses

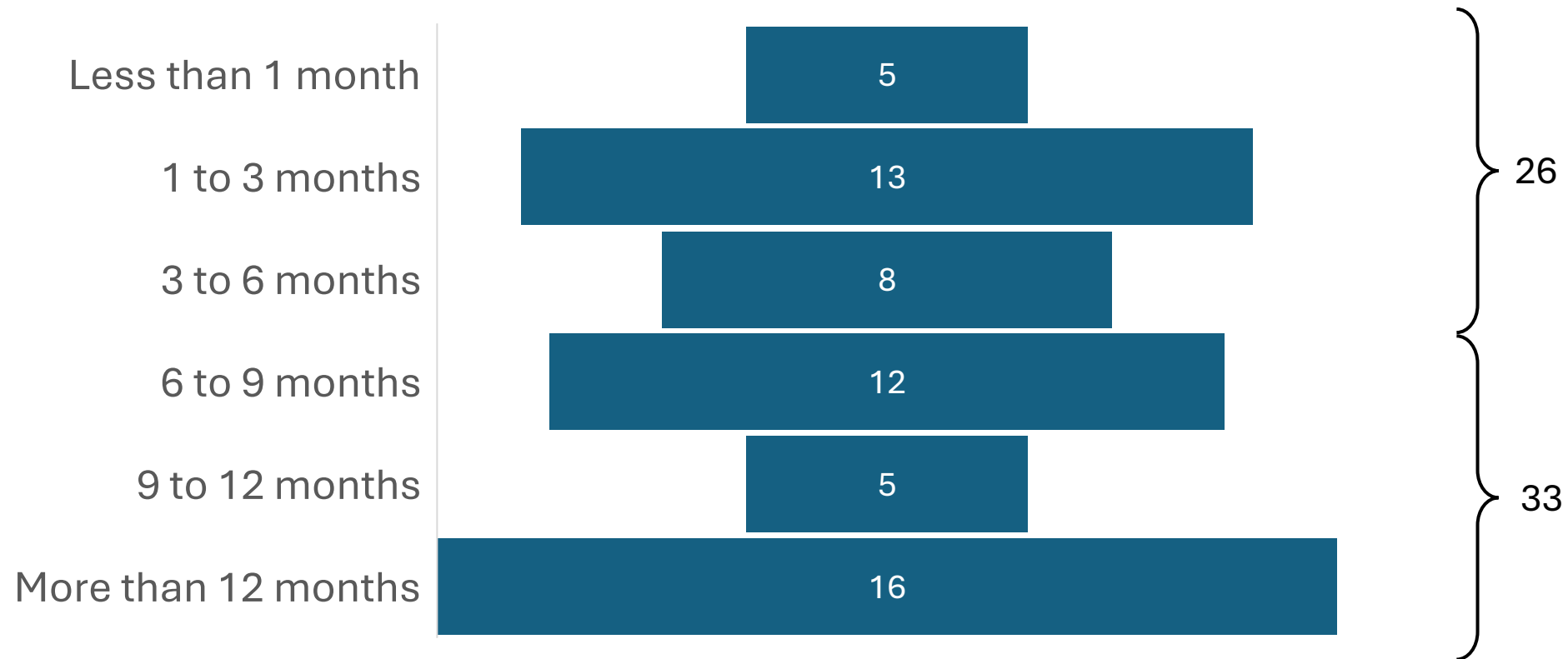
How satisfied are you with the length of time it takes the Awarding Organisation to do the following?



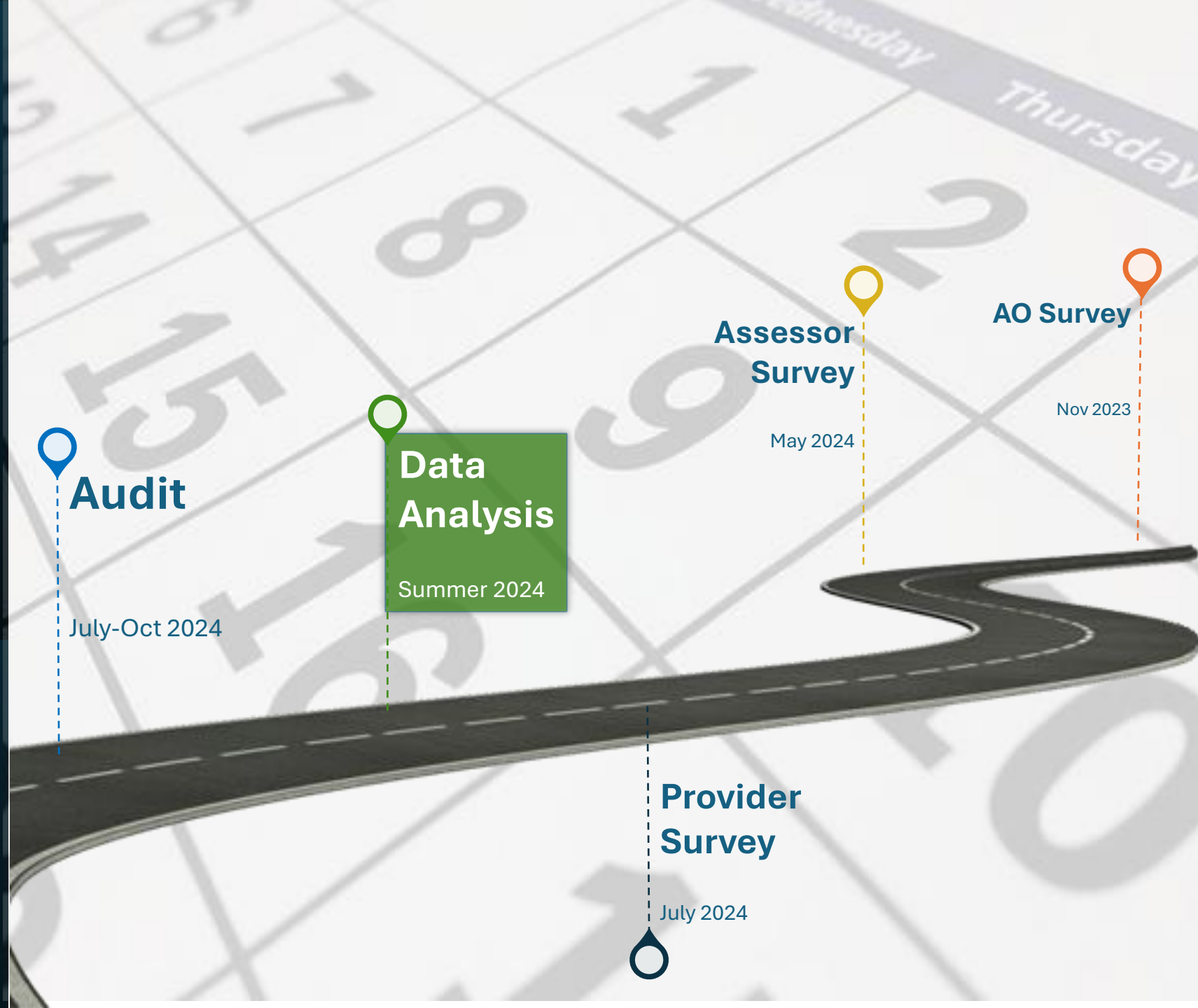


# Notification / Registration

How long before they reach gateway do you typically register apprentices for their End-Point Assessment?



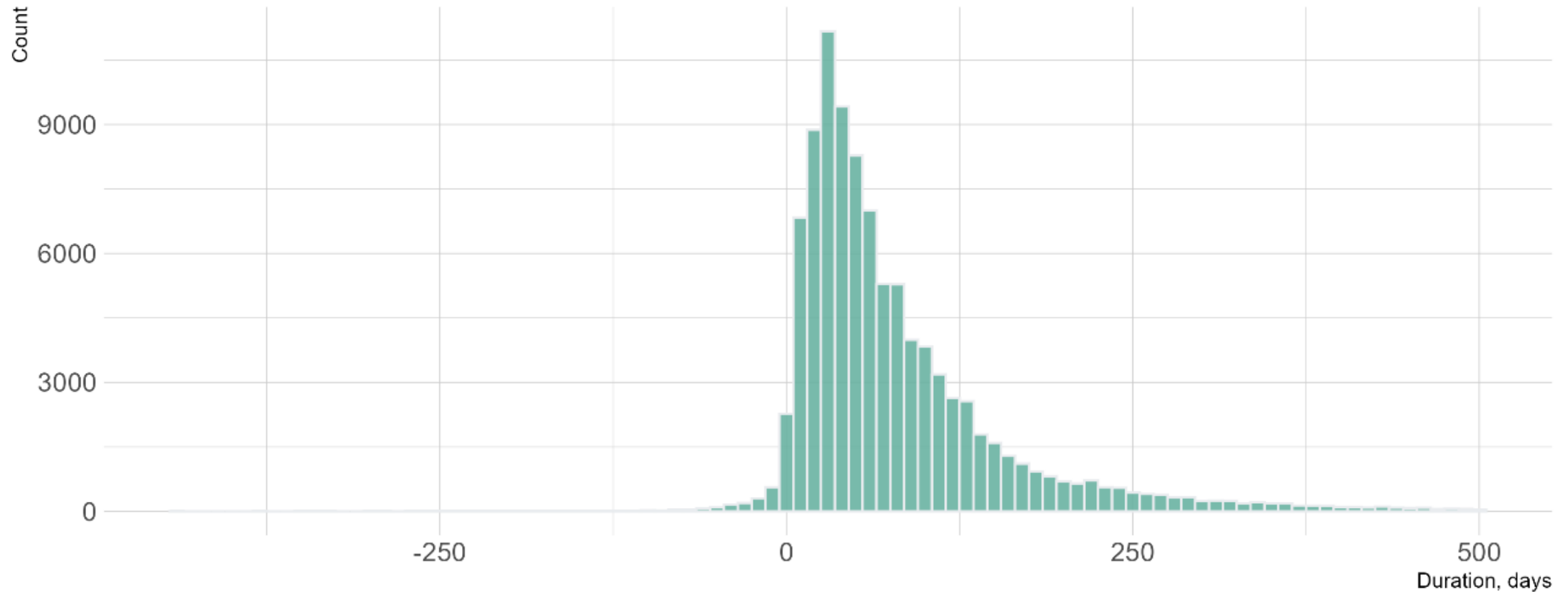
# Data Analysis



# Overview

## Time from completion of learning activities till the first EPA assessment

Only time intervals of less than 500 days are included

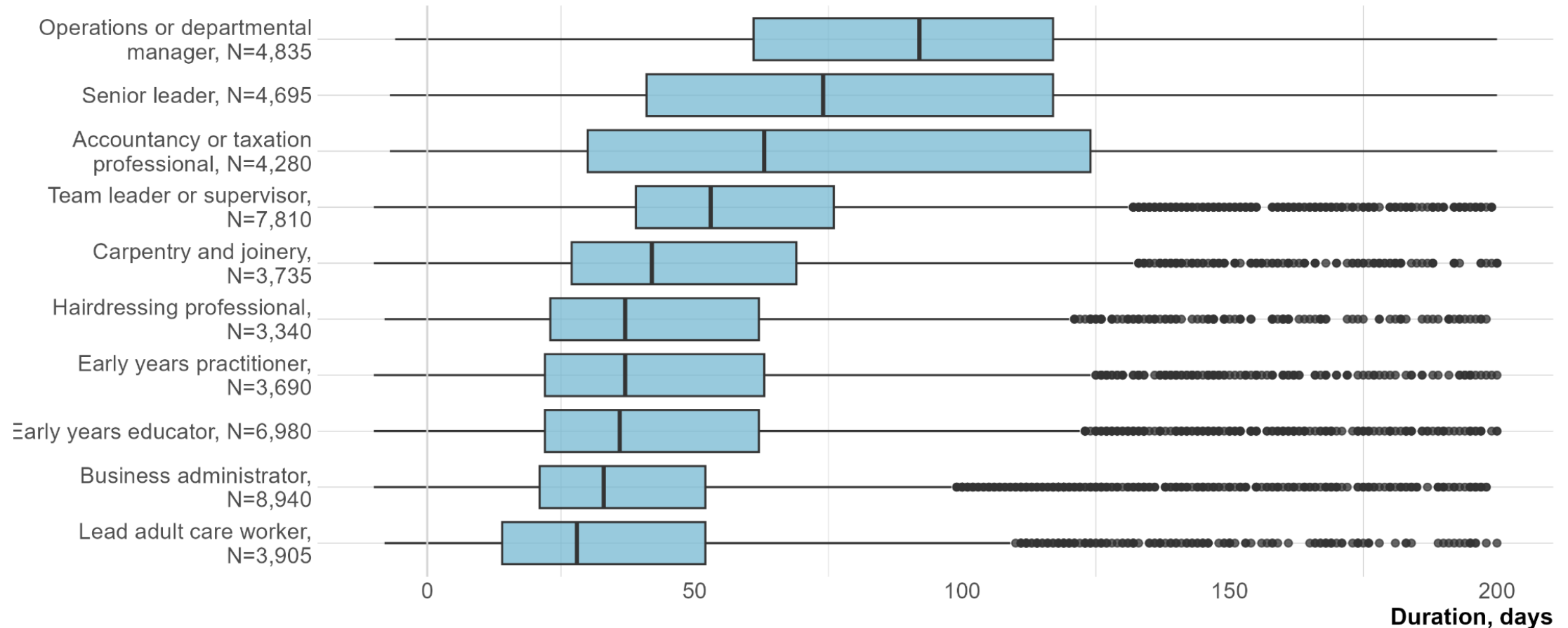


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# Timeliness by standard: (top 10 standards)

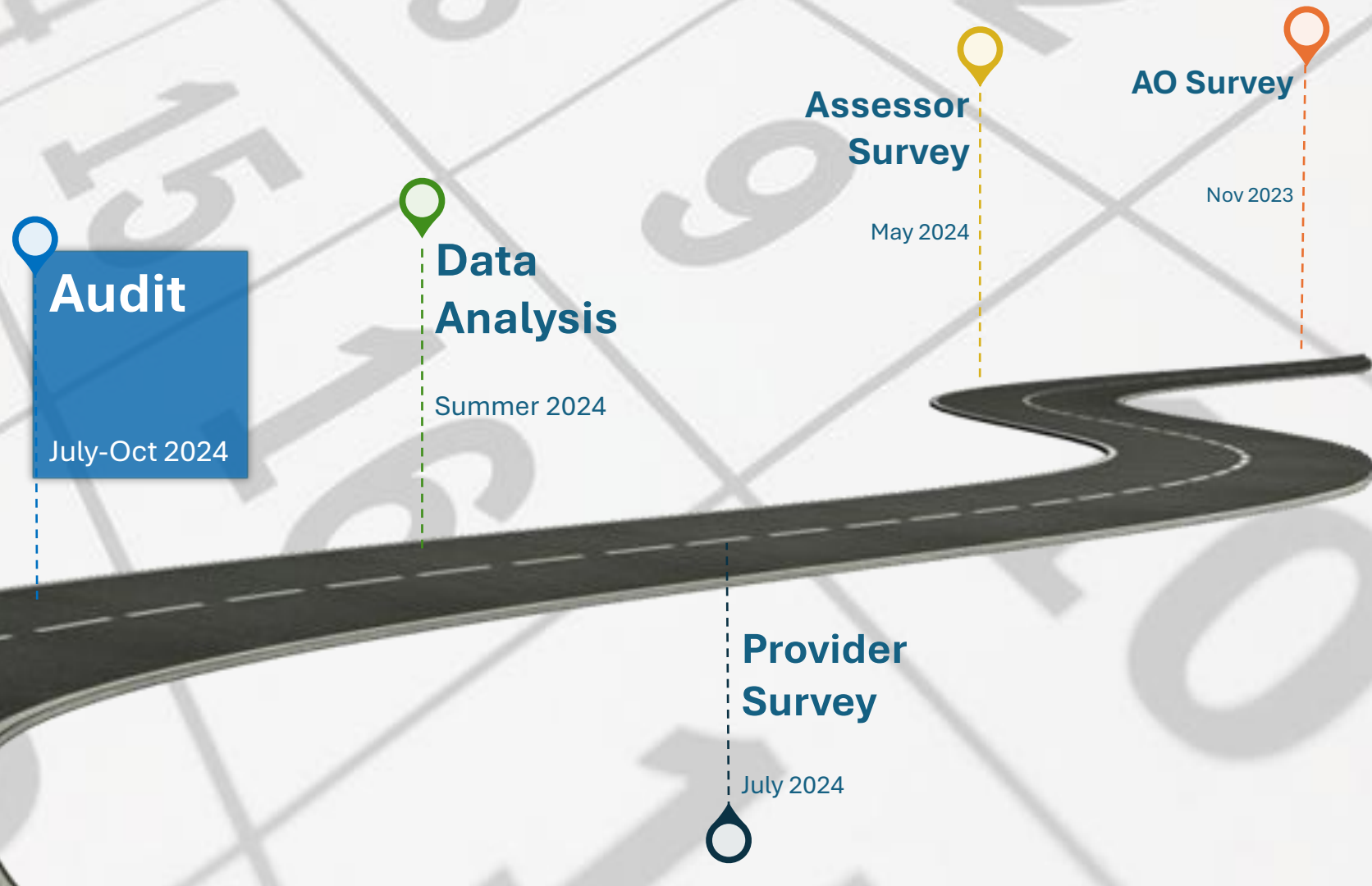
## Time from completion of learning activities till the first EPA assessment

Top 10 standards with the highest number of EPAs

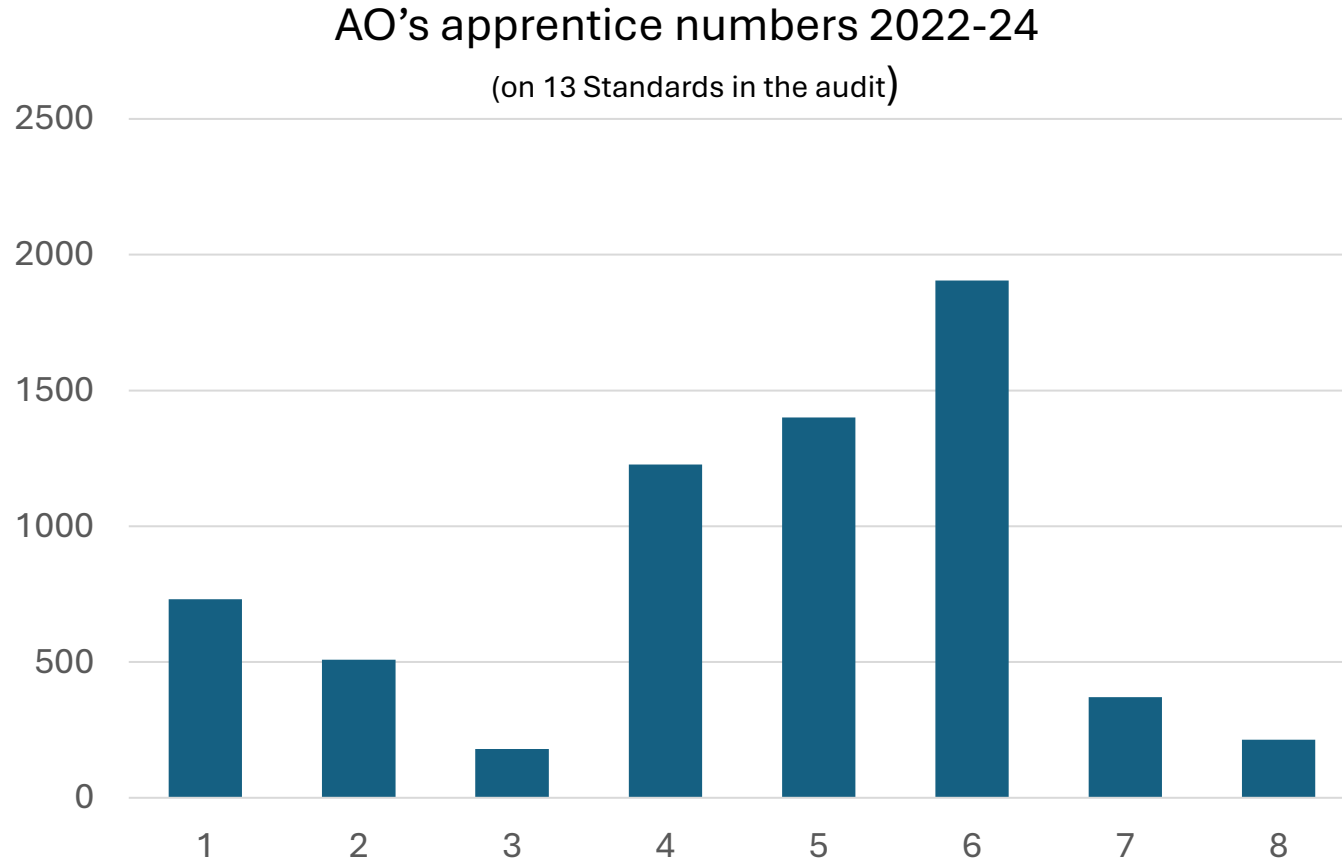


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# Audit



# Scope and scale



- Risk 1: AOs planning and having sufficient resources in place for delivering EPA
- Risk 2: Effective and efficient decisions on Gateway once the provider had submitted the apprentice as ready for Gateway
- Risk 3: Effective and efficient delivery of EPA once Gateway had been passed.

# Thematic findings



- Good levels of assurance across all three risks and with all AOs
- Variety of means to forecast
- Range of controls to help apprentices move through gateway
- Apprentice personal circumstances feature heavily in delays



What next?





## Cross-cutting Themes / Highlights



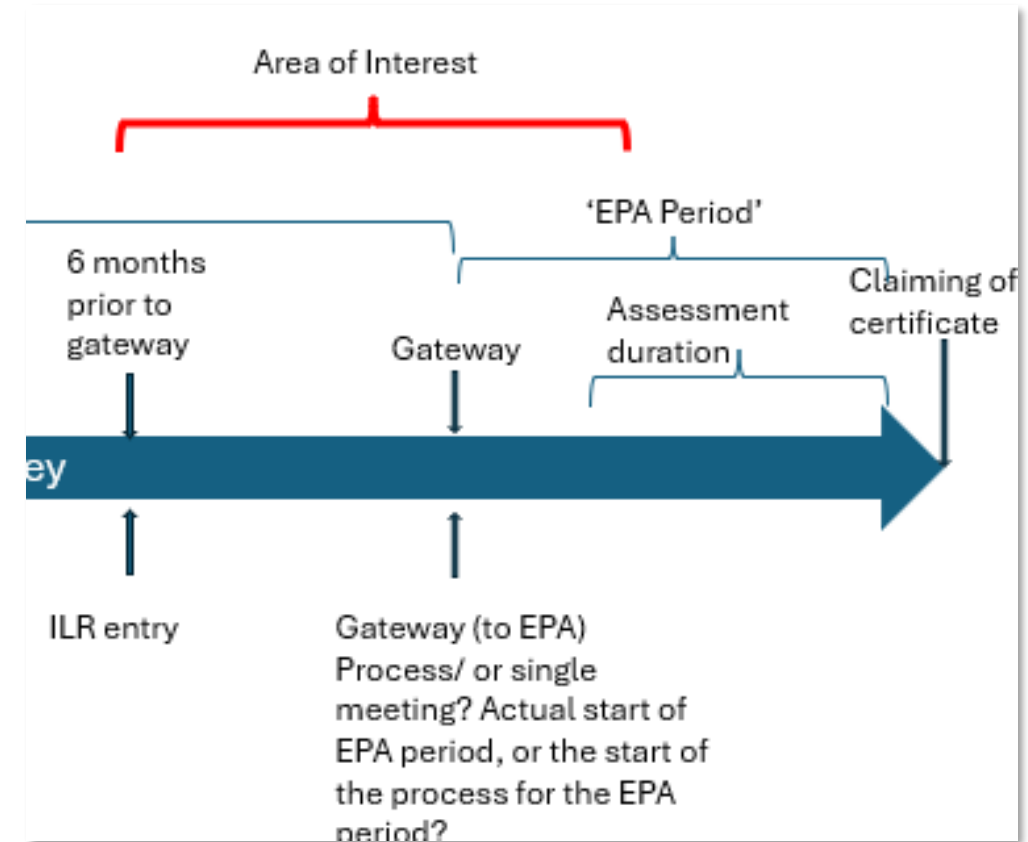
Notification /  
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Communications  
between provider  
and AO

# Future monitoring

- Registrations data collection Feb 2025
  - Apprentice registration date with the AO
  - Date Gateway information was submitted
  - Date Gateway requirements confirmed as met
  - Qualification status at the time of submission (incl withdrawal)
  - Final grade



Questions?

